

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1 and 14-16 are currently being amended. Support for the features added to claims 1 and 14 may be found, for example, in original claim 2 (“regular or irregular solid”) and in previously-pending claim 16. Support for the features added to claim 15 may be found in now-canceled claim 19.

Claims 2 and 19 are currently being canceled, whereby the features of now-canceled claim 19 have been incorporated into claim 15.

Claims 20 is currently being added.

This amendment and reply amends, adds and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending, adding and canceling the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 3-18 and 20 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Advisory Action that the rejection of claims 16 and 19 has been withdrawn. By way of this amendment and reply, certain features from claim 16 have been incorporated into presently pending independent claim 1, whereby claim 1 is now believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record based on the indications made in the Advisory Action (note that “cube” has been placed by “regular or irregular solid”, and “printed label” has been replaced by “unique indicia”, and whereby with these changes the modified features of claim 16 incorporated into claim 1 are still believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record). Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the features of now-canceled claim 19, whereby claim 15 is now in allowable form based on the indications made in the Advisory Action with respect to claim 19. Independent claim 14 has been amended to include features similar to the features added to independent

claim 1, and thus claim 14 is believed to be in allowable form for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the final Office Action, claims 1-12, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,658,272 to Lenchik et al.; claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenchik et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,882,335 to Saarinen; claim 16 was rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenchik et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,717,423 to Parker; claim 17 was rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenchik et al. in view of Parker and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,425,488 to Moskin et al.; claim 18 was rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenchik et al. in view of Parker and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0142807 to Cho; and claim 19 was rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenchik et al. in view of Cho. These rejections are traversed for the reasons given below.

It is noted with appreciation that the Advisory Action has indicated that the arguments provided in the previously-filed response has resulted in the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16 and 19. Based on this indication, and based on the comments provided above in the “Indication of Allowable Subject Matter” section of the Remarks, all of the presently pending claims are believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record.

New Claim:

New claim 20 corresponds to the features recited in claim 16 (for which the Advisory Action indicated the rejection has been withdrawn), but whereby claim 20 depends from independent claim 14.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the final Office Action have been addressed in this Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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